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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 11), for which a response was due on January 6, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 6, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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